

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

A system for communicating between members of a group is disclosed which includes a communications interface transmitting at least one of voice, video and text communications from an originating member to at least one destination member within a virtual group. [[and a]] The graphical communication flow module graphically depicting depicts to each member of the virtual group a representation of the members of the group the originator and target of different types of communication (text, voice or iconic) occurring simultaneously within the virtual group. The graphical communication flow module graphically depicts communication flows from the communications interface such that members may view communications flows independent of the content of the voice, video and text communications transmitted by the communications interface. The simultaneous access window allows virtual group members to engage in “real-life” group activities (like viewing a video, reviewing a document, or participating in training exercises) while at the same time transmitting, receiving, and viewing communications occurring between computer users connected to the virtual group. This system of providing group interaction over networks has unique and important applications to virtual group counseling, virtual office meetings, and group communications in the form of chat rooms over the Internet.